

a strong national defense, and an unwavering voice for liberty, democracy, and free enterprise around the world."

While there were times that Representative Hyde found himself in the middle of divisive and fiercely partisan debates, I don't think that anyone would doubt that he always sought to stand behind his principles and to do what he believed was best for our country. I want to express my deepest condolences to Representative Hyde's family and my thanks for his years of service to our great Nation. He will be sorely missed.

REMEMBERING UTAH SENATOR ED MAYNE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak in honor of Utah State Senator Ed Mayne, who, after a 9-month battle with lung cancer, passed away on the morning of Sunday, November 25. I speak on behalf of many citizens of my State who, over the years, had grown to respect Senator Mayne's support for American workers and his dedication to the State of Utah.

Senator Mayne was born in Magna, UT, in 1945. He graduated from Granger High School in West Valley City and played football for 2 years at Snow College in Ephraim, UT. In the mid-1960s, he got a job working on the track gang for Kennecott Copper in the Bingham Canyon mine. It was then that Senator Mayne became involved in organized labor.

In his early years at Kennecott, he became active in the local chapter of the United Steel Workers of America, quickly becoming the president of Local 485. In 1977, he became president of the entire chapter and, later that year, at the age of 32, he was named president of the AFL-CIO of Utah. He was, at that time, the youngest AFL-CIO chapter president in the country.

In 1994, Ed was elected to serve in the Utah State senate and was in the midst of his fourth term when he died. Throughout his time in the senate, he remained dedicated to improving the lives of workers and, while he had strong personal ties to organized labor, he was committed to serving both union and nonunion workers alike. He also devoted himself to serving poor people in Utah, working to, among other things, maintain State Medicaid benefits and to protect low-income borrowers from the exploitation of predatory lenders.

Ed Mayne was somewhat of an anomaly in Utah. He was a tried and true Democrat in one of the most Republican States in the country. However, even the most conservative Utah Republicans never doubted Ed's convictions, even when we disagreed with his position on certain issues. He left an indelible mark on the State of Utah and was a good example for all of us, Republicans and Democrats, who aspire to serve the public.

I had known Senator Mayne for his entire career in the Utah State senate.

We disagreed with each other on many occasions, but there was never any animosity or hatred, just respect and friendship. We also agreed on several things and I cherished the opportunities I had to talk to him about pressing matters facing the State of Utah and sharing ideas of how to fix them.

The sentiments shared at Ed's funeral summarize our relationship very well when the eulogizer mentioned that Ed and I were very close friends and we liked each other very much. That is truly the way I felt about Ed.

I express my deepest condolences to Senator Mayne's family and my thanks for his years of service to the great State of Utah. I am grateful to have known such an outstanding public servant.

PASSAGE OF VIRGINIA TECH HOKIE SPIRIT MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the families who lost loved ones and to those who suffered injuries as consequence of the horrific shootings that claimed 32 innocent lives on April 16, 2007, on the campus of Virginia Tech. Having traveled to Virginia Tech the day after the shootings, I joined with the families and campus community in mourning. It is a memory that I carry with me to this day. We all greatly admire the ability of those who lost loved ones, and those who themselves were injured, to come together to support each other.

In the aftermath of that tragic day, over 20,000 individuals and groups across the country demonstrated their overwhelming support for the victims and their families with generous financial donations that totaled approximately \$8.5 million. The Virginia Tech administration established the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund within the Virginia Tech Foundation to accept these charitable contributions. Indeed, all of America can take pride in this outpouring of sympathy and support.

On October 30, 2007, the University officially distributed these funds to the 79 families and individuals in accordance with the protocols established by the Fund. While no amount of money can truly compensate for the loss of life or limb, these payments provide both the families of the deceased and the injured survivors with some financial resources to help, in some modest way.

Unfortunately, Federal law was not clear as to whether these payments are subject to federal taxation. Congress recognized this uncertainty and this week expeditiously passed clarifying legislation that I sponsored in the Senate along with Senator WEBB ensuring that these payments are exempt from federal taxation. The House measure was introduced by Representatives BOUCHER and GOODLATTE. Having overwhelmingly passed both Houses of Congress, the bill will now be sent to the President with every expectation to be signed into law.

Passage of this legislation could not have occurred without the support of several key groups. This October, family members and victims came to Capitol Hill to discuss the tragic day of April 16 and ways we could help prevent such events from taking place in the future. Later, I learned of the plans to distribute payments from the Fund to these families and victims. The administration of Virginia Tech along with some family members shared with my office in a very solemn and respectful manner the tax uncertainty associated with the Hokie Fund payments. These same concerns were echoed by accountants in the community who had volunteered their time to assist these families and victims.

Having learned of this unfortunate tax predicament, my colleagues and I in Congress responded accordingly with swift introduction and consideration of legislation to ensure that we provide assistance to the families and victims in overcoming this horrific tragedy. Members and their staffs worked extremely hard to obtain speedy passage of this legislation, and I rise today to thank everyone who made enactment of this legislation possible.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING FRANK STILWELL III

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I wish to honor Frank Stilwell III, a great Ohioan and a great American. Despite losing his eyesight at age 7, Frank never accepted failure or special treatment. It is this unwavering drive that led him from the Kettering Public School District near Dayton, OH, to Georgetown Law School and eventually to the Federal Communications Commission, where he served as a Senior Staff Attorney in the Commercial Wireless Division. While at the FCC, Frank worked closely with tribal groups in Alaska to ensure cell phone towers did not blight sacred burial grounds.

A longtime amateur radio enthusiast—in his youth he helped found the Far Out Amateur Radio Club in Dayton, OH—and an avid reader—often borrowing from the audio and Braille collections at the Arlington Public Library in Virginia—Frank was a happy, active, and passionate man, which is why his unexpected death last month at the age of 50 is so tragic.

For me, Frank's passion and drive in the face of adversity is a reminder of what we are all capable of, and I hope this life lesson—Frank's lesson to us—is not soon forgotten.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in

clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 1:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2085. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3505. An act to make various technical and clerical amendments to the Federal securities laws.

H.R. 4253. An act to improve and expand small business assistance programs for veterans of the armed forces and military reservists, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, (22 U.S.C. 7002) amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), the Minority Leader appoints the following members to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Mr. Peter T.R. Brookes of Virginia (re-appointment) and Mr. Daniel M. Slane of Ohio.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2085. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3505. An act to make various technical and clerical amendments to the Federal securities laws; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2062. A bill to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-238).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2433. A bill to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive

strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2434. A bill to clarify conditions for the interceptions of computer trespass communications under the USA-PATRIOT Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2435. A bill to limit authority to delay notice of search warrants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S.J. Res. 26. A joint resolution supporting a base Defense Budget that at the very minimum matches 4 percent of gross domestic product; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 395. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. Res. 396. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the hanging of nooses for the purpose of intimidation should be thoroughly investigated by Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 397. A resolution recognizing the 2007-2008 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology and celebrating the first time in the history of the competition that young women have won top honors; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 82

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 82, a bill to reaffirm the authority of the Comptroller General to audit and evaluate the programs, activities, and financial transactions of the intelligence community, and for other purposes.

S. 215

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure net neutrality.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 334, a bill to provide

affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

S. 1373

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1373, a bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1981

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1981, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

S. 2086

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2086, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend funding for 18 months for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and for other purposes.